



# Low Flow Vane Type Waterflow Switch W/Retard

#### **Features**

- 0-90 second field replaceable electronic time delay retard
- Easy to adjust electronic time delay
- Two DPDT (form C) contacts
- · Weatherproof
- · Easy to read wire terminal designations
- 5 year warranty
- Low 3gpm flow activation









## **A** CAUTION

This device is not intended for applications in explosive environments.

### **Description**

The Model VSG is a flexible vane type of waterflow switch for use in wet pipe water mist systems where a low flow for alarm is required. It is designed for installation in sections of 2 to 4 inch (50mm to 100mm) stainless steel or brass pipe with wall thickness in accordance with the above specifications (see "Nominal OD and Wall Thickness").

The unit may also be used as a sectional waterflow detector on large systems.

The unit contains an output relay and an adjustable electronic retard. The relay is actuated when a flow of 3 gallons per minute (11,4 LPM) or more occurs downstream of the device. The flow condition must exist for a period of time necessary to overcome the selected retard period.

#### **Enclosure**

The unit is enclosed in a weather/UV/flame resistant high impact composite plastic. The cover is held in place with two tamper resistant screws which require a special key for removal. A field installable cover tamper switch is available as an option which may be used to indicate unauthorized removal of the cover. See bulletin no. 5400775 for installation instructions of this switch.

## **Technical Specifications**

Conduit Entrances	Two knockouts provided for 1/2" conduit		
Contact Ratings	DPDT (Form C) 2 Amps at 30VDC or 125VAC resistive		
Enclosure	Cover - Weather/UV/Flame Resistant High Impact Composite Base - Die-cast aluminum		
Environmental Specifications	NEMA 4/IP54 Rated Enclosure suitable for indoor or outdoor use with factory installed gasket when used with appropriate conduit fitting.  Temperature range: 40°F / 120°F, 4,5°C/49°C Non-corrosive sleeve factory installed in saddle.		
Maximum Surge	18 FPS (5,5 m/s)		
Minimum Flow for Alarm	3.0 GPM (11,4 LPM)		
Nominal OD and Wall Thickness	2" (60,3mm OD), 3,9mm to 4,5mm wall 2 1/2" (73,0mm OD), 4,8mm to 5,2mm wall 2 1/2" (76,1mm OD), 4,3mm to 4,7mm wall 3" (88,9mm OD), 5,0mm to 5,6mm wall 4" (114,3mm OD), 5,4mm to 6,4mm wall		
Power Requirements	STANDBY: 10 mA at 120VAC or 1.5 mA at 24VAC/DC ALARM: 40 mA at 120VAC or 35 mA at 24VAC/DC		
Service Pressure	Up to 450 PSI (31 BAR)		
Service Use	Water mist systems where low flow for alarm is required.		

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#### **Installation** See Fig. 1

These devices may be mounted on a horizontal or vertical pipe. On horizontal pipe they should be installed on the top side of the pipe where they will be accessible. The units should not be installed within 6" (15cm) of a fitting which changes the direction of the waterflow or within 24" (60cm) of a valve or drain.

Drain the system and drill a hole in the pipe using a circular saw in a slow speed drill. The 2" (50mm) and 2 1/2" (65mm) devices require a hole with a diameter of 1 1/4" +1/8" -1/16" (32mm  $\pm$  2mm). The 3" (80mm) and 4" (100mm) devices require a hole with a diameter of 2"  $\pm$  1/8" (50mm  $\pm$  2mm).

Clean the inside of the pipe of all growth or other material for a distance equal to the pipe diameter on either side of the hole.

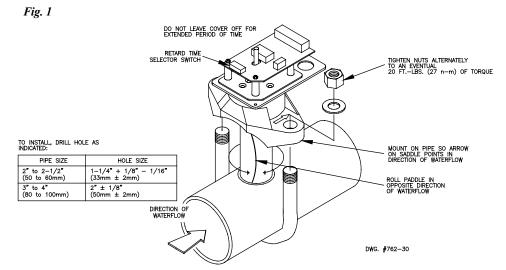
Roll the vane so that it may be inserted into the hole; do not bend or crease it. Insert the vane so that the arrow on the saddle points in the direction of the waterflow. Install the saddle strap and tighten nuts alternately to an eventual 20 ft-lbs. (27 n-m) of torque. See Fig. 1. The vane must not rub the inside of the pipe or bind in any way.

#### **Retard Adjustment**

The retard time is selected by turning the appropriate switches to the off position. Example: For 45 seconds turn switches 1, 2 and 3 to the off position.

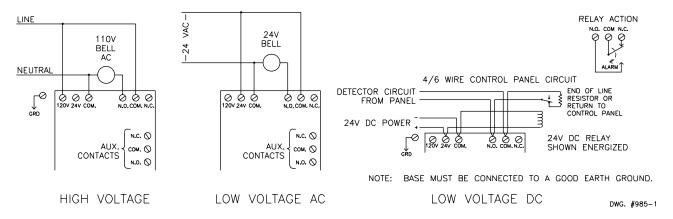
Approximate time is as follows:

Switch Off	Time in Sec.
1 thru 8 On	0
1	15
1 & 2	30
1, 2, & 3	45
1, 2, 3, & 4	60
1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	75
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	90
7	not used
8	not used



## **Typical Electrical Connections**

Fig. 2



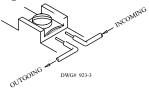




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# **Switch Terminal Connections Clamping Plate Terminal**

Fig. 3



# **A** CAUTION

When supervised circuits are used the following must be observed: An uninsulated section of a single conductor should not be looped around the terminal and serve as two separate connections. The wire must be severed, thereby providing supervision of the connection in the event that the wire becomes dislodged from under the terminal.

## **A** CAUTION

Due to the possibility of unintended discharges caused by pressure surges, trapped air, or short retard times, waterflow switches that are monitoring wet pipe sprinkler systems shall not be used as the sole initiating device to discharge AFFF, deluge, or chemical suppression systems.

#### **Testing**

The operation of the waterflow switch and the associated alarms is to be tested upon completion of the installation and periodically thereafter in accordance with the applicable NFPA standards and/or the authority having jurisdiction (manufacturer recommends quarterly or more frequently).

A minimum flow of 3 GPM (11,4 LPM) is required to activate this device.

#### **Ordering Information**

Model	Description	Stock No.
VSG-2"	2" LOW FLOW 3 GPM WATER FLOW INDICATOR	1116050
VSG-2.5"	2.5"(73.0MM) LOW FLOW 3 GPM WATER FLOW INDICATOR	1116051
VSG-2.5"	2.5" (76.1MM) LOW FLOW 3 GPM WATER FLOW INDICATOR	1116052
VSG-3"	3" LOW FLOW 3 GPM WATER FLOW INDICATOR	1116053
VSG-4"	4" LOW FLOW 3 GPM WATER FLOW INDICATOR	1116054

Optional: Cover Tamper Switch Kit, Stock No. 0090018